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Video Highlights of SMC–NASA Partnership



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“Go big or go home,” said then first year student Ariana Hofelmann when others cautioned that her Summer Research proposal might be too grand. She aimed to join the MIT-led NASA project that confirms discoveries of exoplanets—planets orbiting stars outside our solar system. Hofelmann '21 and Astronomy and Physics Professor Brian Hill worked tirelessly during SMC's 2018 10-week Summer Research Program, preparing the Geissberger Observatory to meet the standards of the TESS Follow-Up Observing Program

(TFOP). They were accepted on August 3. Watch the video to learn more about exoplanets and Hill and Hofelmann's work for TFOP.

President Donahue Gives State of the College Address

President James Donahue reflected on the 300th anniversary of the passing of Saint John Baptist de La Salle and commented on the College's recent high rankings, growth in fundraising, and faculty and student success in his State of the College Address on Oct. 17. "Our path will be to navigate the changes that are present for us right now and be guided by the three pillars that define our mission—our liberal arts tradition, our Catholic identity, and our Lasallian heritage," Donahue said. He commented on the College's health and progress in terms of our strategic plan's critical measures: academic quality, finances, enrollment, student success, and fundraising. "We have a really good story to tell," said Donahue. [Read the transcript →](#)



No. 4 Gaels Hold Off Santa Clara in Overtime Win



No. 4 Saint Mary's took down Santa Clara on Sunday in a heart-pounding, sudden death overtime win. The game-winning goal was scored in the early moments of the first overtime period and took the Gaels to 14–0 on the season and 9–0 at home. This is the best record ever for the SMC team and the highest rank for any Saint Mary's team. Filippo

Zattarin lined up and sent the winning shot—in the seventh minute of overtime—retaining the Gaels' perfect record. [Click here to read more about the Gaels →](#)

Board of Trustees Gather for October Meeting

Saint Mary's Board of Trustees and the President's Cabinet met on Thursday, Oct. 11, for the Board's first meeting of the 2018–19 academic year. The program included reports to the Board by President James Donahue and Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Margaret Kasimatis, as well as a panel discussion on Lasallian research by several SMC professors. Members of the Academic Senate and the faculty panelists also joined Board members for a reception in



the newly renovated Cassin Hall, which will soon be the home of a new campus pub.

[Learn more→](#)

Inclusive Excellence: Celebrating SMC's Diversity



When discussing issues such as diversity and inclusion at Saint Mary's, it's important to remember that it's not a "one-size-fits-all" dynamic. At the heart of these diverse complexities is the feeling of community. Black faculty, staff, and students make a concerted effort to welcome people of color who are new to SMC. On Sept. 26, a BFS social, held at President James Donahue's Siena Hall

Garden residence, welcomed new black faculty and staff, and later that same evening, the African Student Association and the Black Student Union teamed up for a black student meet and greet in the Soda Center. Both events were well attended and included music and food representative of black culture.

[Read more→](#)

FAC Chats Invites Conversation With Faculty

The Intercultural Center and the Library are pleased to announce "Fac Chats," a series of conversations with faculty members throughout the fall. The first on Oct. 3 featured Assistant Professor of JCL **Manisha Anantharaman**, who spoke about "Sustainability and Social Justice: Exploring Synergies and Tensions." Join us on Oct. 24, when Assistant Professor of Theology and Religious Studies **Joseph Drexler-Dreis** will hold a talk on "Contests Among Freedoms Within Global Capitalism," at 1 p.m. at the Library, 2nd floor, quad side. And on Nov. 14, Assistant Professor of the JCL **Michael Joseph Viola** will discuss "Toward a Filipino/a Radical Tradition: Filipino/a American Activism—From Racialization to Radicalization," at 1 p.m. in Delphine Lounge.

[Learn more about the series →](#)

FAC CHATS Like a TED talk, only deeper

Sustainability and Social Justice: Exploring Synergies and Tensions
Wednesday | October 3rd
1:00pm | Intercultural Center
DR. MANISHA ANANTHARAMAN
Assistant Professor | Justice, Community and Leadership

Contests Among Freedoms within Global Capitalism
Wednesday | October 24th
1:00pm | SMG Library, 2nd Floor
DR. JOSEPH DREXLER-DREIS
Assistant Professor | Theology & Religious Studies

Toward a Filipino/a Radical Tradition: Filipino/a American Activism - From Racialization to Radicalization
Wednesday | November 14th
1:00pm | Intercultural Center
DR. MICHAEL JOSEPH VIOLA
Assistant Professor | Justice, Community & Leadership

View: Get Ready for Halloween With Our Spooky Gaels Video



Gael Talk: Spooky Edition asks students if they've experienced anything a little ghoulish going on around campus. Plus, the hosts explore a few hidden opportunities for a frightful night...underground. [Watch it if you dare →](#)

SMC in the News

- *Lamorinda Weekly* Covers GREEN BOOK Advance Screening. [Read more here.](#)
- *The Conversation* Features Op-Ed on Venezuela Crisis by SEBA's Marco Aponte. [Read story here.](#)

This Week on Campus

Announcements

- [SEBA Distinguished Scholar Forum Oct. 24](#)
- [Staff Activities Halloween Costume Party on Oct. 31](#)

Events

- 10/22 [Power Shift: How Latinos in California Transformed Politics in America](#)
- 10/23 [One Love Film and Workshop](#)
- 10/23 [Resume/Cover Letter Workshop](#)
- 10/23 [Tiffany Hoover: Seekers & Saints: Women of Transformation](#)
- 10/24 [Fac Chats](#)

- 10/24 [Creative Writing Series Welcomes Poet Tongo Eisen-Martin](#)
- 10/24 [Working in the U.S.](#)
- 10/24 [Writing the World: Beyond Myth and Violence](#)
- 10/24 [A Survivor's Story: What I Wish I Had Done Differently](#)
- 10/24 [Kalmanovitz School of Education Information Sessions](#)
- 10/24 [Law & Justice Panel - CPDS/LAB](#)
- 10/25 [On Euclid's Uncommon Notions](#)
- 10/25 [Special Advance Screening of GREEN BOOK with Academy Award Winner Mahershala Ali '96](#)
- 10/27 [2018 FLANC Conference at St. Mary's College of California](#)
- 10/28 [Green Dot Bystander Intervention Workshop](#)
- 10/28 [Faculty Concert](#)
- 10/28 [Dia de Los Muertos Student Mass](#)
- 10/29 [Unpacking Augustine's Confessions](#)
- 10/29 [Financial Aid Webinar: How to Pay for Grad School](#)

[More Events](#) | [Student Organizations Activities](#)

Religious Services

- Sunday Mass in the Chapel. [View the schedule.](#)

De La Salle Reflection

- [For the week of Oct. 22.](#)

Go Gaels

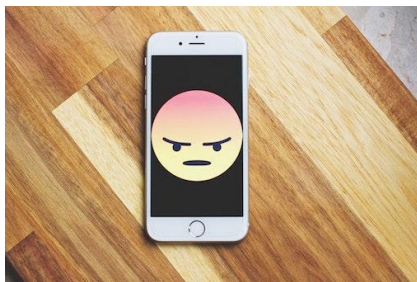


Women's Volleyball: SMC Dominates in Santa Clara, Sweeps Broncos 3–0

Saint Mary's dominated all-around on Saturday afternoon in Santa Clara, sweeping the Broncos to improve their winning streak to four. SMC and Santa Clara were neck and neck in the opening set as both teams were tied 8–8 early on. Set No. 2 was another back-and-forth affair, but a 5–1 Saint Mary's run gave the Gaels a 10–8 advantage. The Gaels went ahead early in set 3, the final set, building a 6-point, 14–8 lead. SMC continued to deny the Broncos' efforts, ultimately winning the set 25–20 to earn the sweep.

[Read more](#) →

Did You Know?



Your mobile device security depends on you! Mobile devices, such as your smartphone and tablet, store a tremendous amount of personal and sensitive information, including your contacts, photos, text messages, and online activity. As such, be sure to protect these devices. It might surprise you to know that the biggest risk to your mobile devices is not cyber

attackers: It is most likely you. Read the full story [here](#).

Do you have a little-known tidbit or story about Saint Mary's? Send it to [Campus News](#).

Let us remember that we are in the holy presence of God.

Major learning. Minor pretense.

